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From: FOSTER Eugene P
Sent: Thur 9/15/2016 4:23:00 PM
Subject: FW: action by Sept 13_ Oregon watershed discontinued _ Little Willow Creek
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Hi Alan

fyi on our comments to NRCS regarding discontinuing Little Willow Creek as a NWQI watershed. I have attached the NRCS justification documentation. Let us know if you want to discuss or have questions.

cheers

Gene

From: FOSTER Eugene P
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2016 2:06 PM
To: Medina, Heather - NRCS, Tangent, OR; Kevin J Fenn (kfenn@oda.state.or.us)
Cc: Merrill, Michael - NRCS, Portland, OR; Larsen, Lynn - NRCS, Ontario, OR; NIGG Eric; DOMBROWSKI Tonya; DADOLY John; FOSTER Eugene P
Subject: RE: action by Sept 13_ Oregon watershed discontinued _ Little Willow Creek

I checked with our DEQ WQ staff for the region and have the follwoing input. There have been successful efforts in the watershed that are having beneficial outcomes for water quality. However, there are approximately 35,000 irrigated acres in the Willow Creek watershed, 14,000 of which have been directly treated. In addition to irrigated acres, there continues to be feedlots, poor riparian vegetation and stream bank management that could be causing or contributing to water quality degradation in Little Willow Creek.

However, we do agree that the original NRCS project targeted acres have been treated and therefore agree with the justification and reason for NRCS to discontinue this area for NWQI: that is, the NRCS conservation treatment goals have been met. However, water quality information indicates that water quality goals for Little Willow Creek have not been met.

Let me know if you have questions or want to discuss.

thanks

Gene

From: Medina, Heather - NRCS, Tangent, OR [heather.medina@or.usda.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2016 7:54 AM
To: FOSTER Eugene P; Kevin J Fenn (kfenn@oda.state.or.us)
Cc: Merrill, Michael - NRCS, Portland, OR; Medina, Heather - NRCS, Tangent, OR; Larsen, Lynn - NRCS, Ontario, OR
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Gene and Kevin,

I had submitted the documents to the NRCS national water quality lead but we have been asked to provide further justification for removing the Little Willow Creek from the National Water Quality Initiative list and documenting that the treatment need was met.

The NRCS national contact for water quality is requiring NRCS get concurrence from our state contacts in regards to discontinuing a watershed from the NRCS National Water Quality Initiative. I had a verbal acknowledgement from Kevin Fenn of ODA but now I need email concurrence.

EPA is also now asking that we show state water quality agency concurrence/agreement that the treatment need is met for agricultural impacts.

Do you both agree that the agricultural impacts have been adequately addressed? Please respond to this request by Sept 13.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Heather

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Subject: action requested by noon Aug 23_ Oregon watershed discontinued _ Little Willow Creek
Importance: High

Hi Gene and Ray,

The basin team leader and district conservationist recommend discontinuing the Little Willow Creek for the NRCS National Water Quality program.

Please see the attachment. We are required to work with our agency leads to get concurrence for the discontinued watershed. Please send me your response by noon Thursday August 23.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Heather

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